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#### **Petition for Cancellation**

Notice is hereby given that the following party requests to cancel indicated registration.

#### Petitioner Information

Name	Gaia Herbs, Inc.			
Entity	Corporation Citizenship Delaware			
Address	101 Gaia Herbs Dr. Brevard, NC 28712 UNITED STATES			

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### Registration Subject to Cancellation

Registration No	3398673	Registration date	03/18/2008
International Registration No.	NONE	International Registration Date	NONE
Registrant	BioGaia AB Box 3242 SEX SEX		

## Goods/Services Subject to Cancellation

Class 005. First Use: 0 First Use In Commerce: 0

All goods and services in the class are cancelled, namely: Pharmaceutical preparations for use in treating gastric disease and disturbances, baby food; media bacteriological cultures, bacteria and preparations of bacteria in the nature of probiotics for medical use and healthcare; medical dental care preparations, namely, chewing gum, lozenges, pastilles and mouthwash for medical purposes; all of the foregoing excluding liquid herbal extracts, liquid herbal extracts in vegetable-based capsules, and solid herbal extracts

Class 029. First Use: 0 First Use In Commerce: 0

All goods and services in the class are cancelled, namely: Milk, milk based drinks, namely, drinking yoghurt, milk products, namely, eating yoghurt and dairy products containing lactic acid bacteria, excluding ice cream, ice milk, and frozen yoghurt

#### Grounds for Cancellation

False suggestion of a connection	Trademark Act section 2(a)
The registration is being used by, or with the permission of, the registrant so as to misrepresent the source of the goods or services	Trademark Act section 14

# Marks Cited by Petitioner as Basis for Cancellation

U.S. Registration No.	2410679	Application Date	01/03/2000
Registration Date	12/05/2000	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	GAIA		
Design Mark		GAIA	
Description of Mark	NONE		
Goods/Services	Class 005. First use: First Use: 1986/05/01 First Use In Commerce: 1986/05/01 Dietary supplements, namely, liquid herbal extracts, liquid herbal extracts in vegetable- based capsules, and solid herbal extracts		
U.S. Registration	2397913	Application Date	11/22/1999

U.S. Registration No.	2397913	Application Date	11/22/1999
Registration Date	10/24/2000	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	GAIA HERBS		
Design Mark	GALA	A HERBS	
Description of Mark	NONE		
Goods/Services	Class 005. First use: First Use: 1987/00/00 First Use In Commerce: 1987/00/00 DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS, NAMELY, LIQUID HERBAL EXTRACTS, LIQUID HERBAL EXTRACTS IN VEGETABLE-BASED CAPSULES, AND SOLID HERBAL EXTRACTS		

U.S. Registration No.	3838994	Application Date	06/22/2009
Registration Date	08/24/2010	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	GAIA ORGANICS	-	

Design Mark	GAIA ORGANICS
Description of Mark	NONE
Goods/Services	Class 005. First use: First Use: 2010/03/09 First Use In Commerce: 2010/04/19
	Organic herbal, nutritional and dietarysupplements

U.S. Registration No.	3930562	Application Date	03/05/2010
Registration Date	03/15/2011	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	GAIA HERBS		
Design Mark			
Description of Mark	The mark consists of "gaia herbs" with a script "g".		
Goods/Services	Class 005. First use: First Use: 2010/02/15 First Use In Commerce: 2010/02/15		
	dietary supplements, namely, liquid herbal extracts, liquid herbal extracts in vegetable-based capsules, and solid herbal extracts		

U.S. Registration No.	3985225	Application Date	11/03/2010
Registration Date	06/28/2011	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	GAIAKIDS		

Design Mark	Ga	iaki	ds
Description of Mark	NONE		
Goods/Services	dietary supplements, name	ly, liquid herbal extracts	Use In Commerce: 2010/10/22 s, liquid herbal extracts in cts for consumption by children
U.S. Registration No.	4308263	Application Date	07/05/2012
Registration Date	03/26/2013	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	GAIA HERBS PROFESSIO	NAL SOLUTIONS	•
Design Mark	93 S	BS PROFE DLUTIONS	ESSIONAL S
Description of Mark	NONE		

U.S. Application No.	85861267	Application Date	02/27/2013
Registration Date	NONE	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	GAIA HERBS		

herbal nutritional supplements

Goods/Services

Class 005. First use: First Use: 2001/08/30 First Use In Commerce: 2001/08/30

Design Mark			
	GAL	A HE	RBS
Description of Mark	NONE		
Goods/Services	Class 003. First use: First Use: 1995/12/31 First Use In Commerce: 1995/12/31 Herb-based cosmetic preparations, namely skin and body lotions, creams and oils		
U.S. Application No.	86028951	Application Date	08/05/2013
Registration Date	NONE	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	GAIA	I .	
	C	iAIA	1
Description of Mark	NONE		
Goods/Services	Class 003. First use: First Use: 2011/06/24 First Use In Commerce: 2011/06/24 Herb-based breath freshener; Herb-basedcosmetic preparations, namely, oil or wax body care products, namely, lotions, salves, and balms Class 005. First use: First Use: 2013/04/01 First Use In Commerce: 2013/04/01 Organic or herb-based energy and antioxidant aids in the form of dietary supplements; Organic or herb-based cough syrup; Organic or herb-based digestive aids in the form of dietary supplements; Organic or herb-based ear drops; Organic or herb-based diuretics; Botanical derived iron in the form of a liquid dietary supplement Class 030. First use: First Use: 2011/05/20 First Use In Commerce: 2011/05/20 Herbal tea		
			Jse In Commerce: 2013/04/01 non-alcoholic energy shots

U.S. Application No.	86030402	Application Date	08/06/2013
Registration Date	NONE	Foreign Priority	NONE

	Date
Word Mark	GAIA HERBS
Design Mark	gaia
Description of Mark	The mark consists of lower case letters"g", "a", "i" and "a" and upper case letters "H", "E", "R", "B" and "S". With "gaia" appearing on top and "HERBS" appearing underneath.
Goods/Services	Class 003. First use: First Use: 2011/06/24 First Use In Commerce: 2011/06/24
	Herb-based breath freshener; Herb-basedcosmetic preparations, namely, oil or wax body care products, namely, lotions, salves, and balms
	Class 005. First use: First Use: 2013/04/01 First Use In Commerce: 2013/04/01
	Organic or herb-based energy and antioxidant aids in the form of dietary supplements; Organic or herb-based cough syrup; Organic or herb-based digestive aids in the form of dietary supplements; Organic or herb-based ear drops; Organic or herb-based diuretics; Botanical derived iron in the form of a liquid dietary supplement
	Class 030. First use: First Use: 2011/05/20 First Use In Commerce: 2011/05/20
	Herbal tea
	Class 032. First use: First Use: 2013/04/01 First Use In Commerce: 2013/04/01
	Organic or herb-based energy aids in the form of non-alcoholic energy shots

U.S. Application No.	86115910	Application Date	11/11/2013
Registration Date	NONE	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	GAIA		•
Design Mark	$\mathbf{G}$	AIA	
Description of Mark	NONE		
Goods/Services	Class 003. First use: First Us	e: 1995/12/31 First U	se In Commerce: 1995/12/31
	Herb or organic based supple body lotions, creams, oils and		preparations, namely skin and

U.S. Application/ Registration No.	NONE	Application Date	NONE
Registration Date	NONE		
Word Mark	GAIA		
Goods/Services	Marks including, bu Drops# to support I support digestion, a Bloating# for promo improving digestive	nents directed to Digestive Fund It not limited to, #GaiaKids® To nealthy digestion, #Sweetish Bit #Para-shield# for optimizing dig- opting the absorption and eliminal e function, and #Herbal Digest To bit A for a listing on Gaia Herbs# d herein.	tummy Tonic Herbal tters Elixir# to estive flora, #Gas & ation of gas and ea# for digestive

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Signature	/rtm/
Name	Richard T. Matthews
Date	01/06/2014

# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

GAIA HERBS, INC.,	
Petitioner,	
v. BIOGAIA AB, LLC,	Cancellation NoRegistration No. 3,398,673
Respondent.	

Honorable Commissioner for Trademarks P.O. Box 1451 Alexandria, VA 22313-1451

### **PETITION FOR CANCELLATION**

Petitioner Gaia Herbs, Inc. ("Gaia Herbs" or "Petitioner"), a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Delaware, having a principal place of business at 101 Gaia Herbs Dr., Brevard, North Carolina 28712, believes it is or will be damaged by the continued registration of the mark identified above ("BIOGAIA") and hereby petitions to cancel the registration.

As grounds for this Petition, Petitioner Gaia Herbs alleges:

- 1. Gaia Herbs is a leading grower and producer of Certified Organic and/or herbal remedies, supplements, and nutraceuticals, including preparations for digestive and gastric ailments and disturbances since at least as early as 1993.
- 2. As set forth below, Gaia Herbs is the owner of several United States federal trademark registrations for the following marks:

<u>Mark</u>	Trademark Serial No.	Goods/Services
GAIA	75/884,801	Dietary supplements, namely,
		liquid herbal extracts, liquid
		herbal extracts in vegetable-
		based capsules, and solid
		herbal extracts.
GAIA HERBS	75/854,568	Dietary supplements, namely,
		liquid herbal extracts, liquid

		herbal extracts in vegetable- based capsules, and solid herbal extracts.
GAIA ORGANICS	77/764,746	Organic herbal, nutritional and dietary supplements.
gaia	77/951,386	Dietary supplements, namely, liquid herbal extracts, liquid herbal extracts in vegetable-based capsules, and solid herbal extracts.
GAIAKIDS	85/167,754	Dietary supplements, namely, liquid herbal extracts, liquid herbal extracts in vegetable-based capsules, and solid herbal extracts for consumption by children.
GAIA HERBS PROFESSIONAL SOLUTIONS	85/669,070	Herbal nutritional supplements
GAIA HERBS	85/861,267	Herb-based cosmetic preparations, namely skin and body lotions, creams and oils.
GAIA	86/028,951	Herb-based breath freshener; Herb-based cosmetic preparations, namely skin and body lotions, creams and oils; Organic or herb-based energy and antioxidant aid; Organic or herb-based cough syrup; Organic or herb-based digestive aid; Herbal tea; Organic or herb-based ear drops; Organic or herb-based diuretic; Botanical derived iron in liquid form; Herbal tea; Organic or herb-based energy aids in the form of non- alcoholic energy shots.
gaia	86/030,402	Herb-based breath freshener; Herb-based cosmetic preparations, namely skin and body lotions, creams and oils; Organic or herb-based energy and antioxidant aid; Organic or herb-based cough syrup;

		Organic or herb-based
		digestive aid; Herbal tea;
		Organic or herb-based ear
		drops; Organic or herb-based
		diuretic; Botanical derived
		iron in liquid form; Herbal tea;
		Organic or herb-based energy
		aids in the form of non-
		alcoholic energy shots.
GAIA	86/115,910	Herb or organic based
		supplements and cosmetic
		preparations, namely skin and
		body lotions, creams, oils and
		dietary supplements.

- 3. All of the aforementioned trademarks (hereinafter, "GAIA Marks") are valid and subsisting registrations or *bona fide* pending federal applications; and Serial Nos. 75/884,801 and 75/854,568 are incontestable registrations under Section 15 of the Lanham Act.
- 4. Gaia Herbs has been continuously selling goods under one or more of its GAIA Marks since at least as early as 1986, and has extensive sales throughout the United States since that time. Gaia Herbs has spent substantial sums in advertising its products branded with the GAIA Marks. Currently, Gaia Herbs offers over 200 products under its GAIA Marks throughout the United States and around the world.
- 5. More specifically, Gaia Herbs offers at least 32 supplements directed to Digestive Function under its GAIA Marks including, but not limited to, "GaiaKids® Tummy Tonic Herbal Drops" to support healthy digestion, "Sweetish Bitters Elixir" to support digestion, "Para-shield" for optimizing digestive flora, "Gas & Bloating" for promoting the absorption and elimination of gas and improving digestive function, and "Herbal Digest Tea" for digestive distress. *See* Exhibit A for a listing on Gaia Herbs' website of the 32 products mentioned herein.
- 6. As a result of extensive sales and substantial advertising by Gaia Herbs under its GAIA Marks, and the significant efforts made by Gaia Herbs to maintain a premium quality of

standards related thereto, the GAIA Marks have become well and favorably known to the American public as the distinctive indication of origin for Gaia Herbs' Certified Organic and all-natural products. In addition, Gaia Herbs has extensive common law rights in the Gaia Marks for a wide range of herbal remedies, nutraceuticals, and supplements that long pre-date Respondent's priority date.

- 7. Upon information and belief, Respondent BioGaia AB, LLC is a Swedish limited liability company with an address of Box 3242 SE-103 64 Stockholm Sweden.
- 8. Upon information and belief, Respondent has a priority date of July 4, 2006 for its "BioGaia" Trademark Registration No. 3,398,673.
- 9. Gaia Herbs recently became aware of Respondent's sales of products in the United States bearing the "BioGaia" mark as identified in the picture below as a 'PROBIOTIC SUPPLEMENT."



10. Gaia Herbs neither authorized Respondent' use of its GAIA Marks nor any marks that are confusingly similar thereto, including the use of the confusingly similar "BioGaia" mark in connection with Respondent' products. Moreover, the use by Respondent represents a false

suggestion of a connection under the Trademark Act section 2(a) and/or is being used to misrepresent the source of the goods or services on or in connection with which the mark is used under Trademark Act section 14.

- 11. Respondent has violated, and continue to willfully and intentionally violate, Gaia Herbs' trademark rights by trading on the valuable goodwill and reputation established therein by at least deceiving the public and the trade into believing that its products are in fact sourced from Gaia Herbs, or are in some way sponsored by or associated with Gaia Herbs.
- 12. Respondent's use of "BioGaia" is likely to cause confusion, or cause mistake, or deceive the public as to the affiliation, connection, or association of it with Gaia Herbs, or as to the origin, sponsorship, or approval of Respondent's goods by Gaia Herbs.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner requests that this Petition for Cancellation be granted and that Registration No. 3,398,673 be cancelled.

Petitioner Gaia Herbs has appointed RICHARD T. MATTHEWS of the law firm of MYERS BIGEL SIBLEY & SAJOVEC, P.A., a member of the bar of the Commonwealth of Virginia, District of Columbia, and State of North Carolina, to prosecute this cancellation proceeding and to transact all business in and before the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection herewith. Please address all correspondence to:

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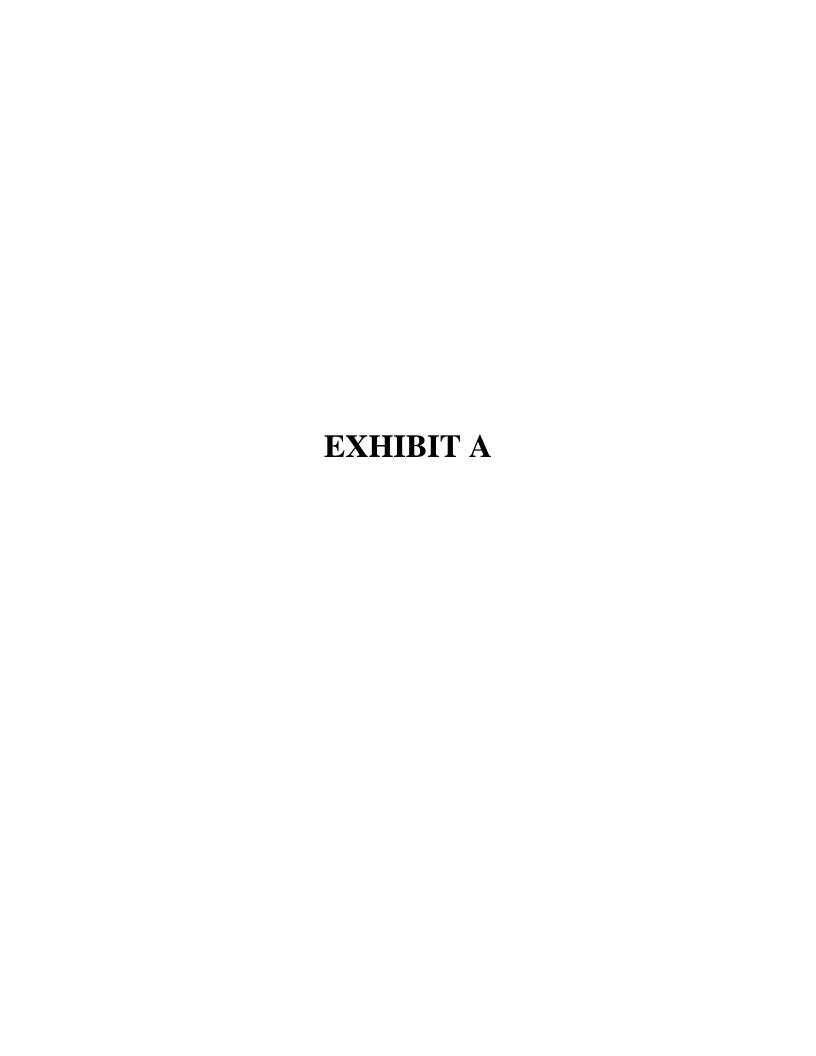
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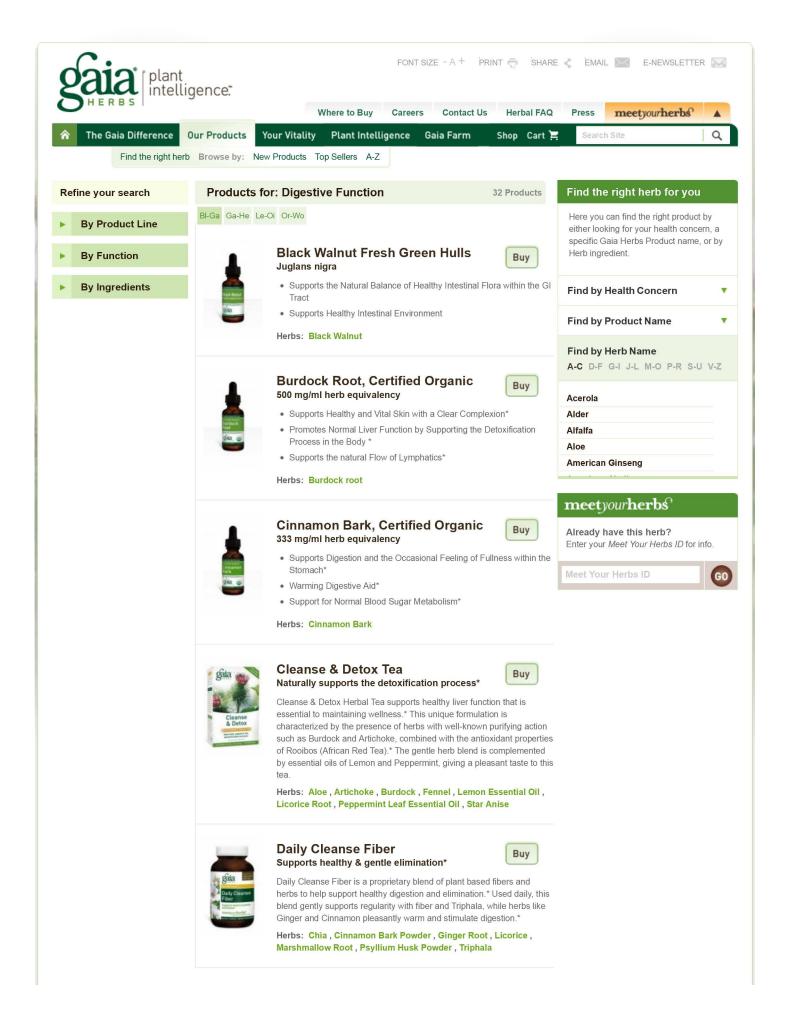
Respectfully submitted,

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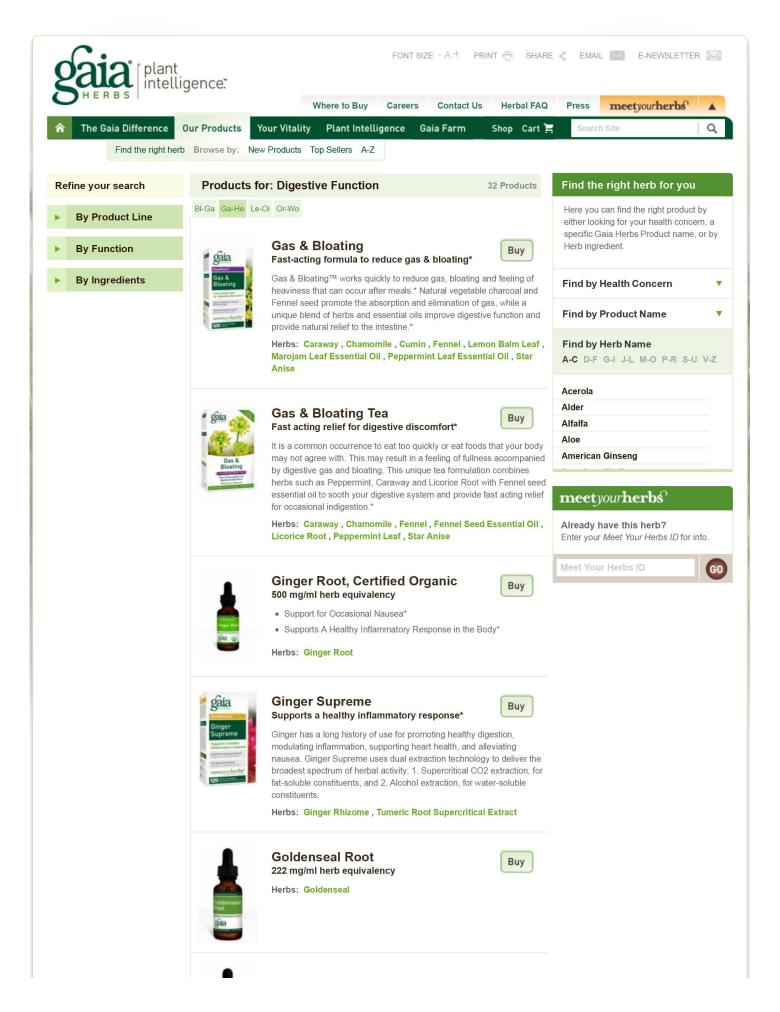








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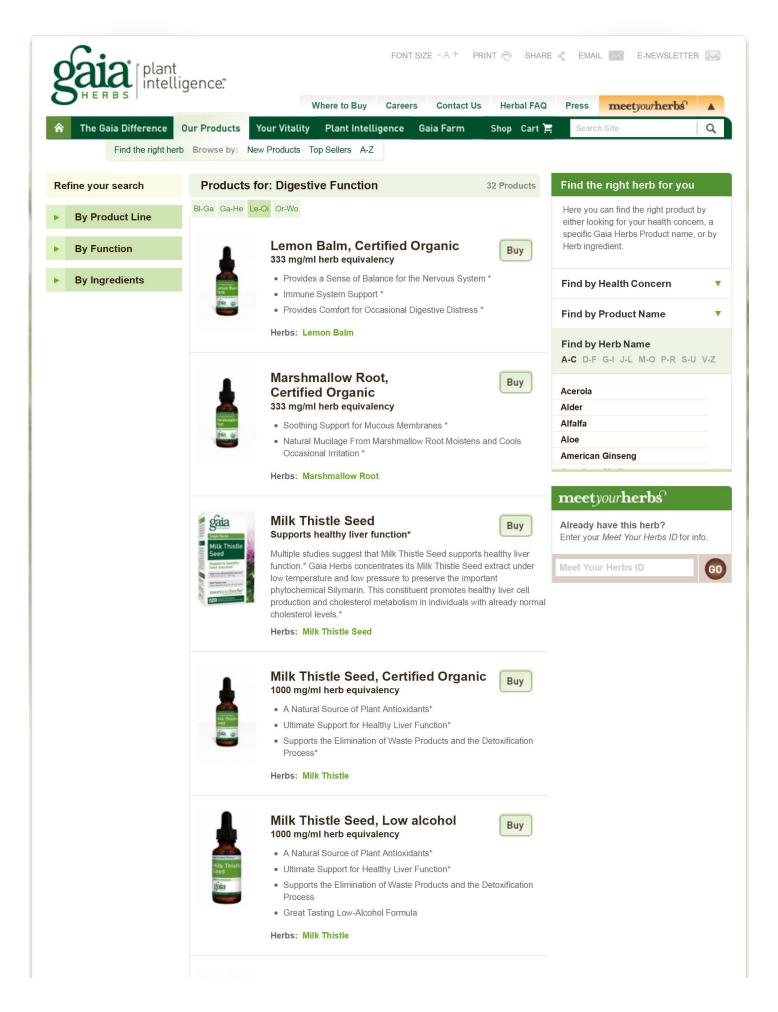








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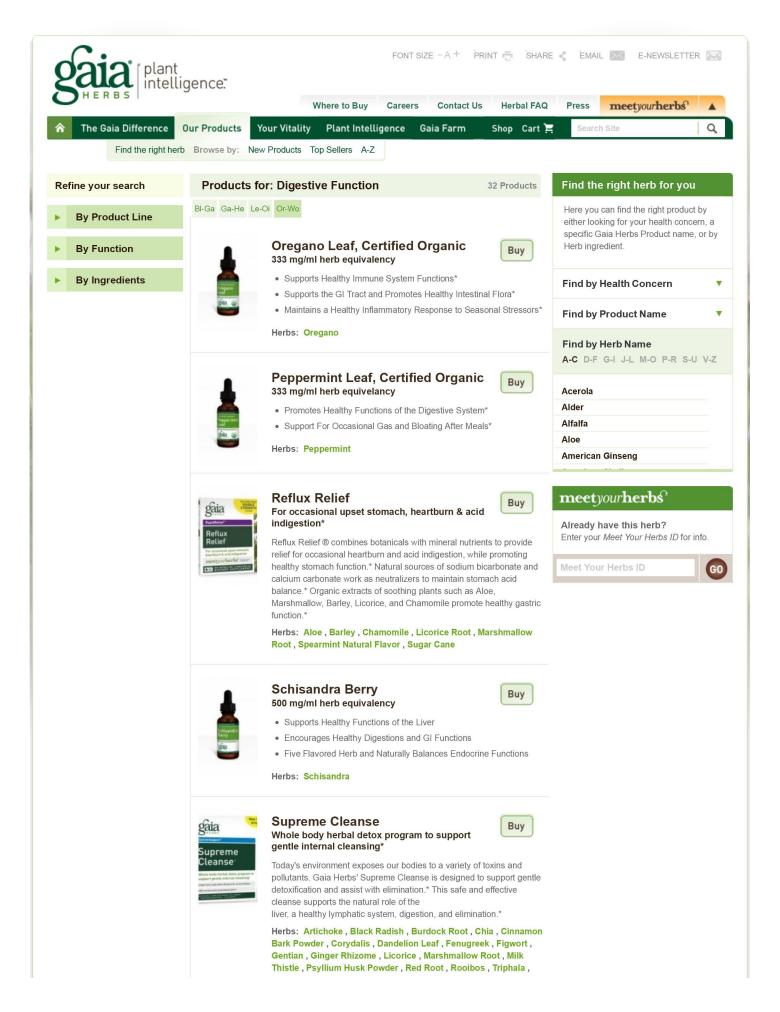








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